

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

President's Embargo on Foods and Other Supplies, Hard Blow at Enemy.

AMERICAN CROPS TO BE BIG

Russians, in Tremendous Drive on Lemberg, Break Through Teuton Line—Governmental Crisis in Germany May Result in Internal Reforms.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

The matter of food, its production and control, is becoming more important daily as a factor in ending the war. The international aspect was brought sharply to the front last week when President Wilson proclaimed an embargo on shipments of food and certain other articles. No one has been blind to the fact that Holland and the Scandinavian countries have been shipping great quantities of foodstuffs into Germany ever since the war began. This was within their rights, but to do it and still feed their own populations, they have been importing very heavily from America. Therefore it is equally within the rights of America, certainly the part of wisdom, to shut off the exportation to neutrals of all foodstuffs beyond what they need for their own sustenance and what we and our allies can spare. It would be stupid to continue to supply food, even indirectly, to our enemy, and the United States, though slow to act, is now acting firmly. The neutral nations of course are wailing, but if they are not for us they are in a degree against us and must stand the consequences.

President Wilson, being a humanitarian, insists that the neutrals named must be permitted to ship into Germany dairy products provided that they can give guarantees that such products will be consumed only by women and children and other non-combatants. This is kindly, but ignores the fact that the German women are doing most of the work in the empire, releasing all the men for fighting.

Great Crops in America.

The success of the American campaign for the increase of production is demonstrated by the highly encouraging government forecast of crops. The acreage sown was immense and the general outlook is for correspondingly immense yields of all grains except wheat, and even in wheat there will be a fair average crop. The yield of corn will be tremendous, and in a word, the United States will have not only an abundance of food grains for itself, but also great surplus stocks for its allies. The crop of potatoes will be the biggest on record, and the hay crop, also of prime importance, will be heavy.

On the other hand, Food Controller Batocki, says Germany's fruit and vegetable harvest is far below the average and that the yield of grain will be "as good as in 1915," which was a year of drought and miserable crops in the empire.

The senate is still trying to formulate a law to regulate the distribution and use of the country's food and probably other supplies of vital importance, and has agreed to vote on the bill on July 21. The long and patience exhausting wrangle over this measure has been caused largely by the determination of the "drys" to take advantage of the circumstances and make it a prohibition law. Whether the distillation of whisky shall be prohibited, whether the stocks in bond shall be commandeered and used for munitions, whether beer and wine shall survive or perish, and a dozen other like questions have been the subjects of argument and dispute. The inclusion or exclusion of fuel, steel and other products also has been debated at length.

BIG GARAGE AT NARA VISA

Miller Bros., contractors, have returned home from Nara Visa where they completed the erection of a large garage for Geo. Evans. The building is an adobe 72x100, has a large workshop and storage rooms. Part of the building will be utilized as a wagon yard until the auto business demands the entire capacity, which will be when the bridge is erected at Logan drawing tourists from Dalhart and points north and east this way to connect with the Ozark Trail.

T. M. Clay of Dumont, Texas, left Monday night for his home after several days' prospecting in this county. Mr. Clay was very much impressed with the plains country, and if the season had been like it usually is out there he would have purchased land with a view to locating here. He is a brother-in-law to Frank Ward and W. A. and R. A. Dodson. In order to keep posted on the development of this country he subscribed for the News to be sent to Dumont, Texas.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT SWIMMING POOL LAST WEEK

Last week the number of public admissions to the Scout Swimming Pool in the grounds of the Episcopal church was greater than in any previous week, with 112 public admissions and 140 Life Member admissions. An exciting swimming and diving contest by the Scouts was held Friday evening, the Hyena Patrol being the victors. Jack Eifort is speed champion and Don Beeth is quite a submarine under water. The Spring-board dive was won by Alton Keeler, who was run pretty close by Dean Curbello and Harold Noble. Verne Garrett and Elbert Phillips are among the coming diving stars. There will be another contest on Friday evening at 8:30, to which the public is invited. The sides have been specially opened so that spectators may see all the fun without danger of being splashed or crowded, and a new spray has been installed in the center of the pool. A new and larger dressing-room for ladies will be built immediately. The Scout Pool and Recreation Ground is proving one of the most popular spots in town.

The managements informs us that the water is purified and kept absolutely sanitary by the most scientific known process, and is changed frequently in addition. Swimming and bathing is now the popular "society" stunt in Tucumcari.

Locals

Mrs. E. E. Clark recently gave a swimming party for her Sunday school class in the popular Scout Pool on E. Aber street.

St. Michael's Athletic Club will hold its annual meeting next Wednesday evening, to be followed by a swimming party and contest in the Scout Natatorium.

The Queens of Avalon gave an informal reception in honor of Mrs. H. D. Nichols, Lady of the Lake, in the beautiful grounds of St. Michael's Mission last Friday. The Boy Scouts are giving a reception to Mrs. Nichols and Assistant Scoutmaster Harold Stephens on Friday night. A swimming and diving contest will be part of the program.

The Sunday school of St. Michael's Episcopal church went to the Blue Holes for its annual picnic Wednesday, and had a real, old-fashioned good time. Many kind friends furnished automobiles, and all will long remember the delightful time round the camp fire in the cool of the evening. Several Queens of Avalon and Boy Scouts walked home, chaperoned by Mrs. F. L. Braun and Rev. Hoering. Among many minor "good turns," the Tucumcari Troop of Boy Scouts recently performed three important turns. Ervin Dunavant saved a boy from drowning at the Blue Holes, and Henry Eager dived in and saved an infant who fell in very deep water. Dunavant also found a valuable gold watch, which he was able to restore to the owner through an adv. in the News. Both boys are Tucumcari Boy Scouts.

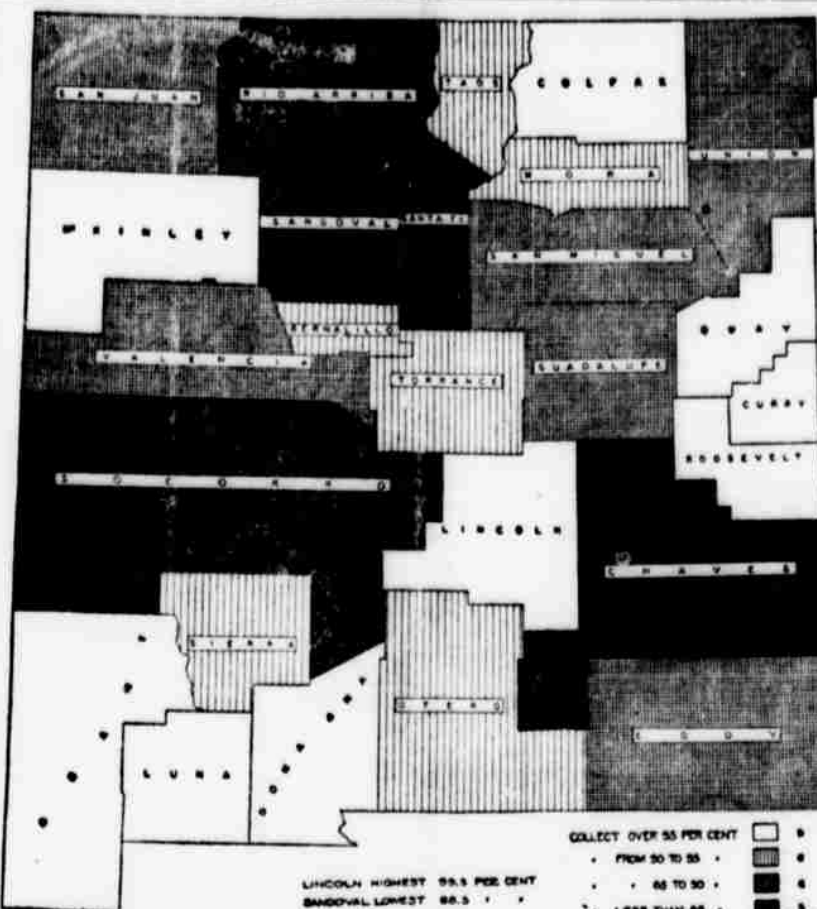
Bishop Howden stopped off at Tucumcari on his way to the East last Sunday evening and preached the sermon at St. Michael's Episcopal church. He expressed his delight over the fine concrete swimming pool in the Mission grounds, which is put in for the benefit of the public, and shows the progressive spirit of our young town. The pool is not operated for profit, and one of our citizens is out something over \$400 on the project. A small admission charge is made to help defray running expenses, while spectators are admitted free to the grounds.

TRAIN SCHEDULE WILL BE CHANGED OVER E. P. & S. W.

El Paso, July 18—As a war measure of economy, special arrangements will be made between the Southern Pacific and the El Paso & Southwestern railroads, whereby the two roads will handle one another's passenger trains. A meeting is now in session between S. P. and E. P. & S. W. officials at Del Monte, Cal., arranging the details of the proposed consolidation of trains. Garnett King, general passenger agent of the E. P. & S. W. at El Paso, and J. E. Stewart, general passenger agent of the Rock Island at Kansas City, Mo., are already in Del Monte with the Southern Pacific officials and T. M. Schumacher, president of the E. P. & S. W., left El Paso on Tuesday morning to attend the meeting.

It has been proposed that the E. P. & S. W. "jitne" trains, Nos. 7 and 8, be discontinued in the new schedule arrangements. These trains have been operated between El Paso and Tucumcari, N. M.

In addition to this the eastbound Golden State limited will, it is said, be operated over the Southern Pacific line between here and California, instead of going by the Douglas-Tucson route, and the westbound Golden State limited will be operated over the E. P. & S. W. by way of Tucson. A considerable change in the time of the E. P. & S. W. train No. 2 will be made and this train, now operated over the S. P. tracks west of El Paso, will be run over the E. P. & S. W., according to the proposed plan.



COLLECTION OF TAXES IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, 1912-1915.

QUAY VALUATIONS INCREASE NEARLY TWO MILLION DOLLARS

Quay county is getting richer every year perhaps not so much as it should but it is making a successful growth. A few comparisons will show the citizens of the county where a large part of the taxes come from.

Last year, 1916, there were 1,028,270 acres assessed at a valuation of \$3,828,510.00. This year, 1917 there was an increase, there being 1,084,189.72 acres assessed valued at \$3,997,111.00, the increase coming from the 51,000 extra acres added to the tax rolls.

In 1916 40,147 head of cattle were found in the county, valued at \$1,419,833.00. In 1917 49,473 head were assessed, valued at \$1,741,894.00, an increase of \$322,061.

In 1916 horses and mules were valued at \$478,151.00; in 1917 \$509,273, an increase of \$31,122.

Railroads in 1916 were assessed at \$2,823,530.00; in 1917 it was increased to \$4,067,330.00 by the addition of the Rock Island running from Tucumcari to Glenrio, this being the first year this road became assessable.

The total assessment value of Quay county is \$12,785,687.00 as against \$10,960,999.00 last year, an increase of \$1,824,688.

The map on this page shows Quay county is one of the banner counties in paying her taxes. On another page is given an extended account of the taxes of the state. The increase this year will greatly assist in the good road movement and if the bond issue had carried nearly two thirds of the additional taxes would have been paid by the cattlemen, railroads, and City of Tucumcari.

CITY WILL PUT DOWN A NEW WELL IN NEAR FUTURE

Tucumcari is to have another big well. Three are now in use and are sufficient to supply the demand which has been quite heavy during the recent hot weather, but to play safe and prepare for a "rainy day" Supt. Fox by order of the city council is placing an order for material to put down another well. This new well will be 10 inches in diameter and about 350 feet deep to insure plenty of water. It is expected to secure a well that will furnish 100 gallons per minute. If per chance the other wells would go bad this new well would save the day and if the consumption of water increases next year like it has during the past year it will be needed to supply the demand. The railroad has a number of wells that furnish more than 100 gallons per minute, but they are digging more. This water is excellent for drinking purposes as well as for all use connected with the railroad. This fact alone makes it a safe bet that Tucumcari is the coming city of the eastern part of New Mexico.

The digging or drilling will commence as soon as the proper rig can be secured to do the work. J. D. Cuplip and wife have returned home from South Dakota where they have been for several weeks on account of the Judge's health. Mr. Cuplip looks much improved and reports his wife feeling better. Of course they think there is no place like New Mexico but just now they are not saying the best of things because fresh garden "sass" is not quite so plentiful here as in the east.

BALING WIRE COMES NEAR CAUSING ELECTION OF MAN

T. A. Fuhrman, general lineman for the Electric Light Co., came near being killed while attempting to take a baling wire off the line, corner Center and Adams street Tuesday evening. The voltage at that point is 2300 and it only takes 1100 to kill. So Mr. Fuhrman must not have received the full shock. As it was he fell from the pole and was picked up unconscious by neighbors who summoned medical aid. He was hurried to the Physicians Hospital and today was able to sit up in bed.

Mr. Fuhrman sustained bad burns on his right hand and the thumb is a solid blister. His left arm and hand were badly burned the gash nearly going to the large artery between the wrist and elbow. He does not know exactly how and what caused the accident.

The street lights in the east part of town have been out for several days but the trouble was not located until Tuesday when Fuhrman removed three wires from the electric light wires, presumably thrown there by boys who did not know their danger. He saw the baling wire on the street wire and climbed up the pole to remove it. It is supposed the recent damp weather had caused a "short" by burning off the insulation letting the baling wire partially connect with the main line. When Fuhrman reached the top of the pole he caught hold of the baling wire to remove same and that is the last he remembers. The other end evidently struck his other arm and connected him with the circuit. He fell to the ground lighting on his head and right shoulder. This shock is said to have "brought him out" of the electrical shock and perhaps saved his life. He was limp as a rag and no bones were broken. In fact this is claimed as a miraculous escape from death.

Mother and fathers should caution their boys to not throw wires on the electric light wires because it is not only dangerous to linemen, but to the general public. If that baling wire had been connected with the guy-wire and a person had touched the guy-wire, grounding the current through the person, it might cause instant death. It has been known to kill cattle and children, so it is better to be safe than sorry.

A few weeks ago a piece of baling wire thrown over the electric light wire caused the company an expense of more than \$50. If the wire would accidentally connect with the telephone wires there is no telling who it would kill. Mr. Fuhrman will soon recover it is hoped and this accident should be a lesson to all. Do not throw wires or metal instruments so they will connect with the electrical wires.

LOCATION FOR CAMPING GROUND OFFERED TO CITY

Bowen-Boyer Agency have bought a large number of lots from the I. C. Barnes estate. These lots are located in the south part of Tucumcari and very desirable building sites. They have proposed to donate the use of six or more to the Commercial Club and City of Tucumcari for the purpose of establishing a camping ground for the Ozark Trail tourists. The council has the proposition under advisement and will perhaps act upon same at the next meeting.

FORWARD OR BACKWARD—WHICH SHALL IT BE?

Shall We Have a Chamber of Commerce or Shall We Not? A Question That is of Vital Importance to Every Citizen

Tucumcari has reached a crisis in her career, and when I say Tucumcari I do not mean the business men or business interest, because whatever effects business also affects the citizens. It is customary for the citizens of any town or city to leave it to the business men to look out for the community welfare; if new enterprises are to be secured or any move made for the betterment of local conditions, the people as a whole look to the business men to finance it and secure it. The general run of property owners seem to feel that such a course is proper and right, and they feel this way largely because it has always been that way.

It is not the writer's purpose to find fault with the people of Tucumcari outside of business circles, neither is it his intention to give undue credit where it does not belong. His one object is to wake everybody to a realization of their obligations to the community in which they live, and to make it possible for improvements to get a foothold—improvements of a permanent nature that will be of benefit to every individual whether he be in business or not.

During the year just past Tucumcari has had a sure-enough-live-Chamber of Commerce, and the people have pulled together as they have never pulled before, and with what results? The mention of a few things accomplished will be all that I shall attempt here, though many matters of minor nature—all tending toward a greater Tucumcari have been handled successfully. First, I will call your attention to the Grain Elevator. For years we had been trying to get a market established in Tucumcari for products of our fields, but with no success. About one year ago the Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce took hold of this proposition in an organized, and systematic manner, with the result that we now have an up-to-date grain elevator and a market for practically every kind of grain that the farmers raise, and people in charge of it that pay the highest market price for everything that they handle. Last year, it is estimated, about \$100,000 worth of farm products were marketed in Tucumcari outside of eggs and butter.

The next big achievement was the Chautauqua. This splendid series of entertainments received the unqualified endorsement of every citizen in the town, and the good it has done us will never be known. The Chautauqua was made possible through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and by the guarantee which was signed largely by the business men.

The biggest thing yet that Tucumcari has landed is the Ozark Trail from St. Louis via Amarillo, Tucumcari to Las Vegas. I want to give credit here for the enthusiasm and the whole-hearted support given by the citizens at the Amarillo convention to this cause, many of whom were not and are not now members of the Chamber of Commerce. Their efforts in the last lap of the race were greatly appreciated and they did splendid work. But, had it not been for the constant and persistent efforts put forth by the Chamber of Commerce during the many months preceding this convention, all the efforts of every citizen at the convention would have counted for naught. To the untiring efforts and the splendid ability of our secretary, Mr. Case, belongs the greater credit for the securing of the Ozark Trail. We possibly will not realize a great deal out of the Ozark Trail this season, but by next summer our roads will be in shape, the route logged and advertised, and the results will surprise the most sanguine. We can reasonably expect from 50 to 100 cars of tourists through Tucumcari every day during the summer months.

Another enterprise that will, in a short time, be launched, is a fibre factory. A plant that will convert the green bear grass into a marketable fibre. Already manufacturers are bidding for the entire out-put of the plant, and it is going to mean much to Tucumcari and Quay county. It will not only create a market for the raw material on a profitable basis, but it will give employment to citizens of our town. The Chamber of Commerce is responsible for the launching of this enterprise.

For the future, we have a number of possibilities that we want to see become realities. Among them is a denominational college, a new and adequate depot (this has already been assured us just as soon as war conditions improve), a Y. M. C. A. building, a camping ground for tourists, etc. The truth of the matter is, that to a live town new possibilities are showing up almost every day; nobody desires to locate in or invest in a dead town, but they are on the lookout for live people to live among and do business with.

Has it ever occurred to you that it costs money to maintain a Chamber of Commerce? That everyone of the enterprises secured have cost money?

FIRE DESTROYS BIG BARN AND OTHER PROPERTY AT DAIRY

Fire destroyed the large cow barn, milk house, gas engines, milking machine, silo and other property and machinery at the Hamilton dairy near Blue Holes Tuesday shortly after dinner, causing a total loss of between \$3000 and \$5000.

Fire had been started in the stove in the milk house to heat water with which to wash bottles. The help had gone to dinner. When the fire was discovered it was under good headway. Mr. Hamilton telephoned to Tucumcari for assistance but not until the above damage had been done was it stopped. The ice cream outfit was also totally destroyed.

The hydrant with hose attachments were in the milk house and nothing could stop the fury as it burned the large wooden structures.

Mr. Hamilton carried no insurance but intends to rebuild as soon as he can. He will possibly install his ice-cream apparatus somewhere in Tucumcari so it will be handier to the trade.

ARRESTED FOR WHITE SLAVERY

Fred Delgado, U. S. Marshal, arrived in the city last night, bringing with him a warrant for one Walter W. Brasher, issued on a charge of violating the white slave traffic act.

Brasher was placed under arrest this morning and taken before E. E. Winter, U. S. Commissioner. Upon arraignment he entered a plea of not guilty and the preliminary hearing was set for three o'clock this afternoon. A number of witnesses were heard and defendant was found guilty and bound over to federal grand jury.

WISH TO THANK SCOUTS

Those in charge of the Red Cross work in Tucumcari wish to thank the Boy Scouts and Scout Master for their untiring efforts during the raising of the Red Cross War Fund.

John E. Miles, merchant and postmaster at Endee, was here today on business.

That those yet to be secured will cost money? That by far the greater part of the money paid out for these benefits has come from the business men? That you, Mr. Property Owner, are benefited by everything that is a benefit to Tucumcari? That every enterprise secured for the town will benefit you? That not 10 per cent of Tucumcari's property owners belong to or contribute to the support of the Chamber of Commerce?

Just now we are entering upon an era of the greatest possibilities in the history of our town and it is up to us to rise to the occasion. The work of our secretary has grown until it is absolutely necessary to make increases in order to take care of it. Tucumcari is being heard of all over the United States and every mail brings inquiries about possibilities here. And here arises the question: Are we going forward or backward from now on? We cannot make much progress forward without a greater co-operation, which means a greater membership and more funds with which to carry on the work. Mr. Property Owner, Mr. Citizen, I appeal to you, to your public spiritedness, to your sense of fairness. Are you going to help, or will you be a "slacker?" Every citizen of Tucumcari is not only asked but urged to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Citizens and property owners are assessed only \$1.00 per month for dues; business men pay more. We need 100 additional members right now. Won't you be one of that number?

Don't wait for a committee or the secretary to call on you and ask you to become a member, just march right up to the secretary or any member of the Chamber of Commerce, pay your dollar and tell him that he can draw on you for that amount every month for the next year.

As individuals we can do practically nothing, but with organized effort, intelligently directed, there is no limit to what we can accomplish for Tucumcari. It's a cinch we won't get anywhere if we don't try, so let's all pull together, do our bit at all times, and see just how far we can get in another year. Some are discouraged because of the continued dry weather, but that is all the greater reason why we should not rest on our oars, but keep pulling. If things don't come to you—go after them. We want a bigger and better Chamber of Commerce with 300 members—must have 100 new members at once. On behalf of the organization, I can assure you that your assistance will be greatly appreciated, and that the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce will be administered in the very best manner possible, and that our one aim is a greater and better Tucumcari.

T. A. MUIRHEAD, Pres.